

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 12, 2017

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to expedite consideration of Governor Nathan Deal's request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Georgia as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. Specifically, Governor Nathan Deal and the State of Georgia have requested Individual Assistance declarations for Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty, and McIntosh Counties as well as Public Assistance, including direct federal assistance, for all 159 counties within the State of Georgia, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Hurricane Irma brought severe destruction to homes and businesses throughout the State of Georgia. The state experienced storm surge of up to 11 feet, winds exceeding 60 miles an hour, and 3 Georgians lost their lives. While the full impact of the storm has not been fully realized, additional federal assistance is urgently needed to ensure public safety and continued recovery.

Many of us have personally visited much of the affected areas and can attest that this storm brought significant damage warranting additional federal assistance, including Individual Assistance in the named counties. As the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency teams work diligently to conduct assessments throughout the state, we urge your Administration to urgently take Governor Deal's request into consideration and expedite his request for Individual Assistance, as well as Public Assistance.

Families and businesses in those counties hit hardest by this storm should not need to wait for Individual Assistance declaration. Beyond denying these families much-needed assistance programs in their time of need, a delay could prevent businesses and individuals from receiving tax relief and deadline extensions from the Internal Revenue Service. Such uncertainty impedes the ability of our constituents to recover from this devastating storm. We urge you to swiftly approve this request and any further requests by Governor Deal for Individual Assistance.

Thank you for your consideration and for your Administration's ongoing efforts to mitigate and respond to the impact of Hurricane Irma.

Sincerely,



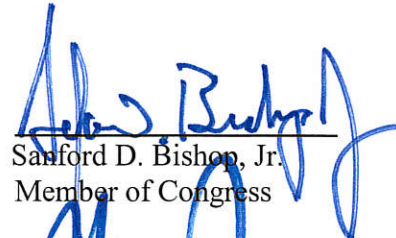
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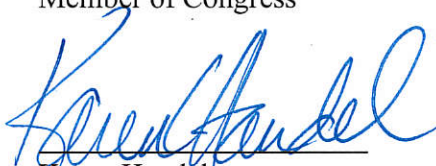
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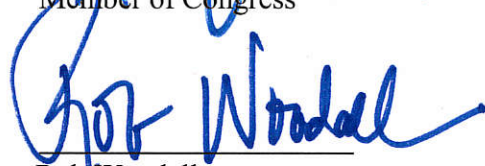
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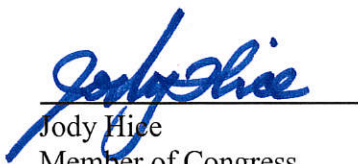
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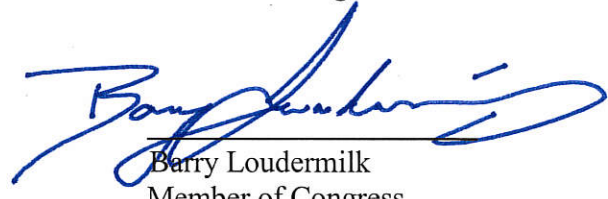
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